### 2006 ELECTION YEAR SCHEDULE

# May 2, 2006

**Town Elections** 

(Towns of Clifton, Herndon and Vienna)
---- On the Ballot ----

**Mayor and Town Council Members** 

# June 13, 2006

Primary Election(s)

(If called for by the political parties)

---- On the Ballot ----

U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives

# November 7, 2006

**General Election** 

---- On the Ballot ----

U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives And possible Bond Issue(s)

The Office of The Electoral Board is open for business Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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# **HAIL AND FAREWELL!**

Welcome to Robert R. Sparks, Jr. who was appointed to the Electoral Board in January. Mr. Sparks is licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia and previously served as Chairman of the Annual Land Use Plan Review Task Force for Fairfax County. Mr. Sparks will be replacing Nancy Krakover who served on the Board as Chairman for the past 3 years. We look forward to working with Bob and extend our best wishes and thanks to Nancy for her contribution to the election process.

# **ELECTION RESULTS**

### **November 8, 2005**

Did you know that Fairfax County had a 45% turnout for the gubernatorial election? Almost 1800 officers served in the 225 precincts. 275 students (from 17 high schools) served as either election officers or pages.

### **December 21, 2005**

On December 21, 2005 a recount of the race for Virginia Attorney General began in local elections offices across the state. Here in Fairfax County, teams of canvassers and poll watchers poured over the elections results with a change of 1 vote for the Republican candidate Robert F. McDonnell. Delegate McDonnell widened his lead throughout the state by 37 votes. Even with this change, it remained the closest statewide election in modern Virginia history. Only 360 votes separated the two men out of 1.94 million votes cast. With over 1800 write-in votes and a turnout of less than 50%, this particular election once again demonstrates how important it is for all voters to participate in the democratic process of voting.

## January 31, 2006

A special election was held for the Virginia State Senate in the 33<sup>rd</sup> District. While most of this district is located in Loudoun County, 9 Fairfax County Precincts are also in the 33<sup>rd</sup> District. The Precincts are: Floris, Fox Mill, Frying Pan, McNair, Franklin, Kinross, Navy, Lees Corner East and Lees Corner West. Democrat Mark Herring defeated Republican Mick Staton. The vote was 12,381 to 7,689 with slightly under 14% voter turnout.

#### **Annual Oaths**

Section 24.2-120 of the Code of Virginia requires that all officers of election subscribe to the Constitutional Oath before performing the duties of the office. It should be notarized and returned to our office promptly. **NOTARIES ARE AVAILABLE** at our offices and the following County locations:

Braddock District Supervisor Office	703/425-9300
Mason District Governmental Center	703/256-7717
Mt. Vernon Governmental Center	703/780-7518
North County Governmental Center	703/478-0283
Providence District Supervisor Office	703/560-6946

All offices request that you call first to be sure the notary is in.

## BEHIND THE SCENES!!!

This segment of the newsletter will feature an aspect of the elections that you may or may not have known about. The rovers are the topic for this first in-depth look

At least a month before each election, the rovers report to the warehouse where the voting machines are stored. With EB Machine Supervisor, Kate Mickey, they program and test over 1200 AVS machines. It is their responsibility to load the correct ballot onto each machine, and then conduct a test election to make sure each machine is working properly. After a machine passes all the tests, they record the protective counter number on the Statement of Results and seal the machine.

Right before the election, many of the rovers also double as satellite personnel working at the governmental centers for the absentee voting. They also assist in the training classes for all election officers.

Each rover is assigned a route serving anywhere from 9-14 precincts. Several days before the election they will contact each chief assigned to them to ensure that the chief is comfortable with his/her responsibilities. On Election Day they travel to those polling places offering whatever assistance is needed and responding to emergencies.

After the election, they spend the next few days at the Electoral Board canvassing the election. Specifically they go over the results from every single precinct.

It would be difficult to have the successful elections that we do without their hard work and dedication. Our current rovers are:

Dick Aamodt	Viki Kinsman
Knute Berstis	Larry Kunkel
Leo Brooks	Jeanie Kunkel
Victor Clevenger	Tom Langhorne
Charles Collins	Bill Ludwick
Nancy Dando	Dan Per-Lee
Ted De Jesus	Grant Pinto
George Getek	Henry Rackowski
George Humfeld	Curtis Reaves
Harry Jackson	Jim Singsank
Joe Johnson	Audrey Sullivan
Blanche Kapustin	Ray Tanney

## **ELECTION NEWS & REMINDERS**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The Registrar's Office invites you to volunteer with them in registering Virginia citizens to vote. We have a year-round program that reaches out to many Fairfax County communities. Local high schools, retirement facilities, community gatherings, and new citizen ceremonies are just some of the several events in which our field registrars participate. If you are interested please contact Karla Mahoney in the Registrar's Office, 703/324-4727, or karla.mahoney@faifaxcounty.gov.

### HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

We need to know... If you have moved since the last election, please make sure that BOTH the Electoral Board and General Registrar's office are notified. In addition, don't forget to keep us updated on changes to your e-mail, cell/telephone numbers or any other changes that might affect our ability to contact you.

## **ELECTION OFFICERS NEEDED!!**

Availability of a sufficient number of election officers to serve Fairfax County continues to be an increasing problem. If you have any friends or neighbors who you think would make good election officers, please have them contact our office for an application. Keep in mind that they must be at least 18 years of age and a registered voter in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### **GET YOUR COMPANY INVOLVED!!**

Does your company have an official policy that encourages its employees to volunteer in the community? If so, the Electoral Board would like to partner with your company in encouraging its employees to take Election Day off and participate in the electoral process by serving as poll workers in a County polling place. Please contact Vickie Hull, 703/324-4735, if your company has such a policy and/or you are interested in your company participating.

#### **COMING SOON!**

The Electoral Board will post periodic election related news and updates of interest to our election officers on our website. This feature is in addition to Vote Notes and is only available on our website at <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/homepage.htm">www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/homepage.htm</a>. You will need the Adobe Acrobat Reader program installed on your computer to view and/or print the file.



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Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request.